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TAGS: PGOV, UNIDO, UNCTAD, BQG
SUBJ: UNIDO REPLY TO GDR PROTEST ON SEMINARS IN BERLIN

REF: STATE 279781; BONN 20802

1. US, UK, FRENCH DELOFFS APPROACHED SUY PER REFTELS
AND ARGUED CASE CONTAINED THEREIN.

2. SUY ACKNOWLEDGED IT WOULD BE IMPROPER TO TREAT BERLIN AS
AN ENTITY WHOLLY UNRELATED TO FRG IN LIGHT OF FACT FRG
REPRESENTATION BERLIN INTERESTS IN UN. CONVERSELY HE ARGUED
THAT SPECIAL STATUS OF BERLIN AS NOT PART OF FRG PROHIBITED
HIS TREATMENT OF BERLIN AS JUST ANOTHER CITY IN OR LAND OF THE
FRG. HE INSISTED THAT MERELY PUTTING BERLIN AT END OF LIST OF
FRG CITIES, EVEN IF LINE SKIPPED, WAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY REFLECTIVE
OF SPECIAL STATUS OF BERLIN. HE INSISTED ON SUBHEADING "BERLIN
(WEST)" BETWEEN BERLIN AND OTHER FRG CITIES UNDER OVERALL HEADING
OF "GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF". HE SAID INDENTATION OF
SUBHEADING WOULD MAKE IT CLEAR "GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF"
WAS MAIN HEADING UNDER WHICH BERLIN (WESTN INSTITUTIONS
COULD BE FOUND.

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3. SUY COMPLETELY UNYIELDING ON MATTER EVEN WHEN, AFTER MAKING
ALL THE OTHER ARGUMENTS, US, UK, FRANCE AND FRG SAID
WE COLLECTIVELY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BERLIN AND WE
FORMALLY REQUEST HIM NOT TO USE A SUBHEADING. WHEN HIS
REFUSAL TO RESPOND TO OUR REQUEST WAS CONTRASTED INVIDIOUSLY
WITH HIS ACCEPTANCE OF DGDR REQUESTS RE SOVIET ZONE, HE

SAID "IT IS TOO LATE FOR YOU TO COMPLAIN ABOUT TREATMENT OF
EAST BERLIN; YOU MISSED THAT TRAIN SEVERAL YEARS AGO."

4. WHILE SUY'S REFUSAL TO ACCEDE TO OUR REQUEST IS DISTURBING
AND HIS ATTITUDE ANNOYING, HIS POSITION IS NOT RATIONALLY
INDEFENSIBLE. WE SEE LITTLE LIKELIHOOD WALDHEIM WOULD HAVE
THE STOMACH TO OVERRULE HIM IN LIGHT OF ANTICIPATED SOVIET
RESPONSE. IT MIGHT ALSO BE NOTED THAT SUY'S ATTITUDE AND
REASONING, INCLUDING HIS REMARK PARA 3 ABOVE, NOT ESSENTIALLY
DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF HIS LONG-TIME MORE HELPFUL PREDECESSOR
AS UN LEGAL COUNSEL, CONSTANTIN STAVROPOULOS.
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